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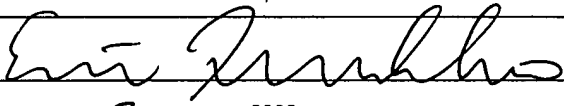
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This is in further response to the office action issued May 17, 2002.

Remarks:

With respect to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and the Nomoto et al. and Nanda et al. references, the following paragraphs should replace the paragraphs included in the response filed July 17, 2002.

Nomoto et al. does not disclose the present invention since, among other things, Nomoto et al. does not disclose an alloy that includes 0.65-1.6 percent by weight of Nb. Rather, Nomoto et al. discloses an alloy that includes 0-1.0 percent by weight of Nb, as described in the "Constitution" of Nomoto et al. and as described in paragraph number 10 of the office action.